

table, all without intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 428 and 443; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the Record; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Adrienne Wojciechowski, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; and Michael Carpenter, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING CAROLYN POLLAN

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Carolyn Pollan, who passed away at the age of 84 on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

Carolyn Pollan was a native of Fort Smith, AR, who dedicated her life to serving the Natural State. She was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives in 1975 and was one of only three women serving in the State legislature at the time. She served until 1999, becoming the longest serving woman and Republican in Arkansas House history.

Throughout her career, Carolyn was a champion of Arkansas' families and children. Her leadership in developing policies to help kids and families land-

ed her in more positions to create positive change for future generations.

She created and chaired the children and youth committee—a new committee specifically designed to address problems affecting children—and served on the education committee and legislative council, as well as the joint budget committee. In addition, she formed the first domestic abuse hotline and established the Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Abuse. She also crafted legislation that brought about major, positive changes to teaching at-risk youth. Over 250 pieces of legislation she sponsored were passed, many of them positively impacting Arkansas's families and children. Family, friends, and colleagues say no one came close to matching her passion on these issues. Additionally, Carolyn was the first woman appointed as associate speaker pro tempore of the State House.

Carolyn also cared deeply about education. For 25 years, she served on the John Brown University Board of Trustees—the first woman to do so—and became a Trustee Emeritus. She also created the Pygmalion Commission in 1993, which continues to improve educational outcomes for at-risk students in Arkansas. Additionally, she served on numerous educational boards and committees. Carolyn chaired the Southern Regional Legislative Council Education Committee and Southern Legislative Council Education Committee, served in the Office of Technology Assessment of the Congress Advisory Board for the National Study of Computers in Education, and on several educational boards within the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Labor.

Carolyn also worked for Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee for 3 years, where she helped enact welfare and workplace reforms and managed the State's multimillion-dollar tobacco settlement. She served on the development committee of the Clinton School of Public Service and was a founder and board president of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement within the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, which has significantly improved the health of Arkansans since its founding.

She has been honored by numerous organizations in recognition of her accomplishments. Carolyn was included in the Top 100 Women in Arkansas by Arkansas Business Magazine and was honored as one of 10 outstanding legislators in the U.S. by the National Assembly of Government. She was also named among the top 100 most influential people in Arkansas according to a statewide poll conducted by the Associated Press. In 2020, she was inducted into the Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame.

With such an impressive background and career, Carolyn remained humble and never lost sight of the reason she served: to protect Arkansas's vulnerable families and children and create

greater future opportunities that would not only benefit them tremendously but also benefit the state. She was well-respected by colleagues across the aisle who attested to her willingness to work together if it meant improving the lives of Arkansans.

Carolyn Pollan's relentless advocacy and passion created a far better, safer, and healthier Arkansas for families and children that boasts more access to important educational opportunities. I am honored to recognize her incredible life and join with her loved ones, former colleagues, and community in celebrating Carolyn's legacy.●

TRIBUTE TO MARK JOHNSON

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I congratulate KTVB News anchor and journalist, Mark Johnson, on his remarkable career, as he retires after 40 years in the television news business.

Mark's dedicated career started in television sports in Missouri in 1981, brought him to Idaho, then took him to Wisconsin and Pennsylvania before, thankfully, bringing him back home to Idaho and KTVB in 1996. He served as KTVB's sports director before his 2003 promotion to serve as the station's main anchor. He is well-described by the station as, "A constant in the lives of generations of Idaho families, Mark Johnson has watched 30 years of Idaho history unfold from his spot in the KTVB studio."

He has understandably earned significant recognitions for his work. This includes KTVB earning regional Emmy awards for the News at 10 while Mark was a pivotal part of the team as lead anchor and his winning of a national Edward R. Murrow award for his work involving the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics. In addition to the time and talent he has committed to reporting, he has also supported many community efforts.

His heartfelt appreciation for and deep interest in the people of Idaho and its valued spaces are reflected in his thoughtful journalism. Those who have had the opportunity to work with Mark and know him consider themselves lucky. His calm demeanor during challenges and his sense of humor have shaped the way many have faced the events that are part of daily life, and it is clear he will be greatly missed in the anchor chair.

Mark, as you start your next chapter, I wish you more, well-earned time with your many friends and loved ones, including your wife Chris; daughters Hannah, Lindsey, Alexa, and Grace; and grandson. I congratulate you on an amazing career and thank you for bringing Idahoans the news for all these years.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN WILLIAM STOKES

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I have come to the floor to recognize an Alaskan who I have come to know over

the years through his compelling correspondence. Bill Stokes is an artist, a man of deep thought and many talents. Among his many traits and skills, he does incredible woodworking and water systems, and he is an author and a poet. In honor of Veterans Day, Bill has asked me to submit two of his poems to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The first poem is entitled "Tears."

I have pondered long and hard for more than fifty years.
 And it is my belief that the two most important gifts you will ever know are life and freedom because the price of both is a Mother's tears.
 Both require an entire lifetime of hard hard work.
 And you cannot, dare not, avoid and shirk.
 Birth is the hardest work a mother will ever do.
 And freedom also requires an excruciatingly painful birth with unending protection from both me and you.
 Make no mistake that freedom comes at great cost of life.
 Because tyrants are as thieves that are totally committed to stealing your freedom with a bloody knife.
 The description is exactly real.
 Because if you don't aggressively protect your freedom, the knife you will feel.
 Freedom absolutely requires an honest government with a standing army of those unafraid to die.
 To ensure that every future generation has the ability to follow its dreams to the far edge of the sky.
 Falling in battle is clearly the Soldier's lot. But that is how the freedom you enjoy is bought.
 Those fallen in battle cannot ever become nameless and lost.
 And regardless of culture or clime, a national day of remembrance, ensures that every warrior's name is with honor, remembered, that they paid for your freedom's cost.
 I have pondered long and hard for more than fifty years.
 And it is my belief that the two most important gifts you will ever know are life and freedom because the price of both is a Mother's tears.
 The second poem is called "Son."
 As I walked by a young man was standing in front of his home wearing his desert camouflage waiting for his ride and as I walked up to him he cradled his gun.
 And I couldn't help myself from asking "What's your name son?"
 I did not understand why he stood there alone when I heard his mother's wails of despair as she cried.
 And his father's voice cracking as he tried to comfort her from the house somewhere inside.
 His eyes were red from his own tears as he to his family he had said his goodbye.
 And everyone knowing full well that this might be the last time they see him alive from fighting in a war he did not contrive.
 I told him that as a father and a vet.
 How proud I was and his name was indelible in my mind and I would never forget.
 As I only came this way every month or so I would look and see.
 That upon his return if he tied a bright red ribbon on a branch of the front yard tree.
 Before I left I came to full attention and saluted him with all the honor he was due.
 And with a calm determination looking straight into my eyes, he returned the

salute understanding exactly what we both already knew.

I made many trips walking by that house looking for a ribbon to let me know he was back.

And just about a year later there was a ribbon tied to the tree but it wasn't red, it was black.

As I walked by a young man standing in front of his home wearing his desert camouflage waiting for his ride and as I walked up to him he cradled his gun. And I couldn't help myself from asking "What's your name son?"

Thank you, Bill, for your incredible tribute to our veterans, just as we prepare to mark Veterans Day in 2021 and honor the sacrifices they make on our behalf.●

REMEMBERING JOVITA MOORE

● Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, the State of Georgia is mourning legendary broadcast journalist Jovita Moore. Jovita was a trailblazer, a great journalist, and an Atlanta icon. She began her career in journalism in Memphis, TN, and Fayetteville, AR, before joining WSB-TV in Atlanta in 1998. She became a full-time anchor at WSB-TV in 2012, delivering Atlantans the news each afternoon and holding the powerful to account.

Born in New York, Jovita earned a bachelor of arts degree from Bennington College in Bennington, VT, before earning a master of science degree in broadcast journalism from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in New York City.

Jovita's career helped blaze the trail for other women and those from diverse backgrounds in journalism. She was a member of the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of Black Journalists and won multiple Emmy awards throughout her time at WSB-TV. Her excellence and example have undoubtedly inspired countless others to follow in her footsteps. In 2017, Jovita was inducted into The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Southeast Chapter's Silver Circle, one of its most prestigious career awards.

Jovita gave back to the community, taking time out of her busy schedule to mentor others and help them realize their true potential. She and her family would help deliver meals during the holidays, demonstrating commitment to helping those in need.

Jovita's spirit, optimism, and kindness radiated in everything she did. When she was diagnosed with glioblastoma earlier this year, the city of Atlanta and the entire Nation rallied around Jovita, just as she had for them throughout her career. She never gave up hope, using her diagnosis to spread awareness and encourage others to visit the doctor, stay vigilant, and get regular screenings. Jovita put her community first. Jovita Moore was a loving mother, daughter, and friend. She said her children were her life's most important accomplishments.

I thank my colleagues in the U.S. Senate for joining me in honoring the

life and legacy of Jovita Moore and sending our deepest condolences to her children—Lauren, Shelby, and Joshua—to her mother, family, and friends and the entire WSB-TV family. May her memory be a blessing.●

RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OF BURLINGTON

● Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Community Health Centers of Burlington for 50 years of extraordinary service.

Today, the Community Health Centers of Burlington—CHCB—is the second largest federally qualified health center—FQHC—in Vermont, serving over 30,000 patients at eight locations. Fifty years ago, when they opened their doors in 1971 as the People's Free Clinic in a small storefront in Burlington's Old North End, the center was run by volunteers and served just 50 patients each week. And while they have grown tremendously since those early days, CHCB has maintained a commitment to what the founders of the clinic at the time described as "a new kind of health care," rooted in the understanding that people from all walks of life deserves high quality, affordable healthcare.

In 1989, CHCB was designated as a federal Healthcare for the Homeless site and, in 1993, officially became an FQHC. Becoming an FQHC meant CHCB was able to access important grants from the Federal Government, improvement reimbursement rate for care, and offer a sliding fee scale, so no one would be turned away because they could not afford the care they needed. But let me be clear: Health centers like CHCB are not exclusively for those who have nowhere else to go. For many people living in the Burlington area and across Vermont, community health centers like CHCB are the provider of choice because they provide timely access to high-quality care in community-centered clinics. In fact, today, approximately one-third of all CHCB patients are covered by private health insurance. Another reason that FQHCs are so popular and used by so many people in Vermont and across the country is that they also offer dental care. CHCB first added dental services into its main site in 2004, and today, 7000 patients receive dental care at one of three CHCB locations. Further, in addition to offering primary care and oral healthcare, FQHCs also offer mental healthcare and substance use disorder treatment, as well as low-cost prescription drugs. It is clear why nearly one-in-three Vermonters rely on FQHCs like CHCB for their care.

In 2012, the Community Health Centers of Burlington was able to utilize funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to renovate its main location, known as the Riverside Health Center, allowing for updated patient care rooms; laboratory space; dental operatories; and integrated psychiatry, counseling, and substance use